



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We can only serve that which we are profoundly connected to."
~ Sam Daly-Harris

May 14, 2014

Basic Literacy Tutor Training – May 31-June 7

The Monroe County Public Library's free literacy tutor training provides adults with instruction in basic to intermediate reading, writing, and math. Volunteers are then matched with adult learners and are asked to commit two to three hours a week for tutoring and record keeping. The next training will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on May 31, June 1 and June 7. Volunteers must attend all sessions. Minimum age is 18. Please register by contacting the VITAL office at (812) 349-3173 or vital@mcpl.info. (www.mcpl.info/vital)

Community Garden at Crawford Apts.

The Crawford Apartments, which provide safe and affordable housing to individuals who have faced challenges such as chronic homelessness, addiction, and disability, is starting a garden! The residents are excited to have the opportunity to work together to have fresh, healthy foods while learning about sustainable living. Volunteer activities include planting, weeding, fertilizing, and watering. Gardening experience is encouraged, but not necessary. Minimum age is 18. Interested? Contact Ayman Ashwaiheen at (317) 459-6410 or aashwaiheen@gmail.com.

Cardboard House Press Book Makers

The Latino Community Center (El Centro), which is located in the Monroe County Public Library, is seeking volunteers to assist with preparing materials for upcoming Cardboard House Press workshops. This project consists of developing unique products with artistic values from recycled materials through participatory and educational processes. Volunteers will collect cardboard, select the best materials, and cut and create designs. You can view images online here: <http://bit.ly/Cartoneros>. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Cristian Medina at (812) 320-7839 or cardboardhousepress@gmail.com. (www.elcentrocomunal.org)

Training for New CASA Child Advocates – June 2-July 8

Court Appointed Special Advocates change the lives of abused and neglected children by representing their best interests in court. CASA volunteers monitor the child's health and education, identify his or her best interests, submit recommendations to the court, and are sworn officers of the court. CASA urgently needs community members to serve over 40 children on the waitlist. Applications are being accepted for the next training, which will begin on June 2, with classes held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays until July 8. There will be no class on July 3. Applications are due prior to session start. Child advocates must be 21, have reliable transportation, and have daytime flexibility. Average time commitment is 10-15 hours a month. Please contact Kelli Shannon at (812) 333-2272 or kelli.shannon@monroecountycasa.org. (www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer.shtml)

Community Members for College Mentors Council

Are you looking for a leadership position? Do you hope to one day be a part of a nonprofit or a board of directors? Then consider joining the Bloomington Community Council benefiting IU College Mentors for Kids. The Council is made up of adult community volunteers who care about kids and believe in the power of mentoring to change lives! Council members advocate for and spread awareness of the College Mentors program in the community; participate in one or two mentoring activities with the college students each year; and help raise funds on behalf of the chapter. This council is not for college students; it's a way for community members to help the children served by the program at Fairview and Arlington Heights elementary schools, while mentoring their mentors. Minimum age is 21. Please contact Stephanie Kohls at (317) 921-1798 or skohls@collegementors.org. (www.collegementors.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

LIFEDesigns, Inc.

Provides quality services and supports to people with disabilities in south central Indiana. Services are tailored to each individual based on their interests and support needs. To grant a wish, contact Leslie Abshier at (812) 332-9615 or support@lifedesignsinc.org. (200 E. Winslow Rd.; www.lifedesignsinc.org)

Wishes: sporting or arts event tickets, iPads, LCD projector, craft supplies, new or very gently used mattresses, bedding, towels, accessible van, new or gently used clothing and tennis shoes, printer paper

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

